

Slater Elementary  
**Title I Parent Involvement Policy**  
2014-2015

Slater Elementary recognizes that parents are their children's first and most influential teacher and that sustained parent involvement in the education of their children contributes greatly to student achievement and a positive school environment.

Slater Elementary, with input from their Title I parents, has developed and distributed the Title I Parent Involvement Policy. The policy includes four dimensions:

- Policy involvement
- Shared responsibilities for High Academic Achievement
- Building capacity for involvement
- Accessibility

This policy will be updated annually to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.

**Policy Involvement**

- Slater Elementary will convene Title I Parent Meetings to review, revise and comment on the following items:
  - Site level Parent Involvement Policy
  - School Parent Compact
  - Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA)
  - Title I requirements, involvement rights, and programs offered at the site
  - State adopted ELA/Math curriculum, academic assessment tools and proficiency levels of student achievement at the site
  - Parent survey results related to the academic programs and learning environment at the site
  - Parent involvement opportunities for helping children succeed
  - Parent recommended meetings with flexible dates and times supported by funding for transportation, child care and/or home visits from School Social Worker when available.
  - Parent requested meetings related to the educational decisions for their children

**Shared Responsibilities for High Student Academic Achievement**

- Staff/Student/Parent Compact – the jointly developed School-Parent compact will identify staff-parent strategies that best support student academic achievement. This compact will be widely distributed to all students, staff and parents of Title I students. The Compact describes and defines the following:
  - The school's responsibilities in providing high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive learning environment
  - Parent and student responsibilities promoting improved academic learning
  - Effective and ongoing communication methods between parents and teachers

### **Building Capacity**

- During Back to School and Parent Conferences teachers will inform parents about curriculum content, achievement standards, assessment results and monitoring student progress
- Parents will be provided with requested training and materials helping to improve their children's achievement
- Teachers and other staff members will be trained on working with parents as equal partners and building ties between parents and the school
- Teachers will inform parents and students about individual goals based on local and state assessment results
- Slater Elementary will provide opportunities for parents to volunteer and participate in their child's classroom.
- Parents will be encouraged to participate in school activities through memos, monthly newsletters, surveys, SchoolMessenger and flyers. Information will be provided in a language and format parents can understand.
- Examples of programs and activities at Slater Elementary that encourage parent participation in the education of their children, include the following:
  - ◆ *School Site Council/English Language Advisory Council*
  - ◆ *District Sponsored Kids First Festival*
  - ◆ *Parent Training—Parent University*
  - ◆ *Fresno Adult School-English Classes*
  - ◆ *Family Science Nights*
  - ◆ *Back to School Night*
  - ◆ *Open House*
  - ◆ *Parent/Staff Coffee Hour*
  - ◆ *Classroom Participation*
  - ◆ *Parent Teacher Conferences*

### **Accessibility**

- Slater Elementary will provide opportunities for full participation to parents with limited English proficiency, parents of migrant children and parents with disabilities. School information and required reports will be provided in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language, such parents understand.

**SLATER SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL BYLAWS**

**Article I**  
Name of Council

The name of this council shall be Slater School Site Council.

**Article II**  
Role of the Council

Role of School Site Council

The School Site Council (SSC) shall develop and recommend the school improvement plan including the budgets that support the plan, to meet student academic need. Following approval of a school improvement plan by the school district governing board, the SSC shall review a minimum of one time per year the implementation of the school improvement program and assess the effectiveness of the program with the principal, teachers, other school personnel, and pupils using the district criteria in Board Policy 6191. The SSC shall annually review SSC bylaws and the school site dress code and make modifications to the school improvement plan or budget when necessary. The SSC shall carry out all other duties and responsibilities assigned by the district governing board and any state or federal laws and related codes of the State of California.

Role of Board of Education

To the extent that these bylaws are silent on an issue, or to the extent these bylaws are ambiguous, the SSC delegates to the Fresno Unified School District Board of Education the authority to interpret the bylaws or adopt appropriate rules in the sole discretion of the Board of Education. To the extent that the SSC fails to perform its duties as set forth in these bylaws, the SSC delegates to the Fresno Unified School District Board of Education the authority to perform those duties on behalf of the SSC.

Code of Conduct

SSC members shall follow Fresno Unified School District's adopted community values as follows:

1. Stewardship - We will lead and follow as stewards of our region, caring responsibly for our community assets. We will work together to achieve the greatest, long-term benefit for the community as a whole;
2. Boundary Crossing and Collaboration - We are willing to cross political, social ethnic and economic boundaries and partner with others to achieve community outcomes. We

4. Shall assess consensus of the people who elected them with a method that has been discussed and documented at an SSC meeting on the development of the site single plan for student achievement.
5. Shall conduct all SSC business in a courteous, professional manner.
6. Shall perform their legal duty to develop, monitor and implement the single plan for student achievement site plan. SSC members shall work cooperatively, working speedily to resolve any conflict so as not to jeopardize completion of the site plan.
7. Shall work together to maximize student academic achievement of state content and performance standards.
8. Shall not use their role as SSC members to unduly influence personnel decisions or assert authority not granted to the SSC under law.
9. Shall not meet together or attempt to reach consensus on issues outside of duly agendized school site council meetings.

### **Article III**

#### Members

##### Section I - Size and Composition

The SSC shall be composed of 10 members. Alternates shall be elected for the parent representatives, student representatives and staff representatives.

The needs and resources of the school improvement program require that membership include broad representation of parents, and staff, including all socioeconomic and ethnic groups in the school attendance area.

Representation on the SSC shall be: the Principal, representatives of teachers elected by teachers, parents of pupils attending the school elected by such parents or community members residing or working in the school attendance area and selected by parents of children attending the school. The council shall be balanced with five members representing the school staff, teachers in the majority of school staff representatives; and five parent members in equal numbers. Parent representatives of the SSC may be district employees but shall not be employees at the site.

##### Section II - Election Procedure

#### Election Process

principal) shall serve for a one year term only during the first year of the councils existence. After the first year of the council's existence, all terms shall be two years in length. At the first regular meeting of the council after elections, a chance method shall be used to determine which members shall serve one-year terms. At the conclusion of a member's term, at least one year shall elapse before such member may be selected to a new term.

#### Section IV - Voting Rights

Each elected representative of the SSC is entitled to one vote and may cast that vote on each formal motion submitted to a vote by the council. The elected alternate shall vote in the absence of the elected representative he /she replaces. Absentee ballots or proxy ballots shall not be permitted.

#### Section V - Termination Of Membership

Other than the principal, Membership shall automatically terminate if a member no longer meets the membership requirements under which elected or is absent without good cause from any regular meetings for 3 consecutive meetings. A written warning shall be issued by the principal and chairperson to any member who misses 2 consecutive meetings SSC with a simple majority may vote to suspend or expel a member for just cause. Other than the principal, membership may also terminate upon 2/3 vote of the SSC upon a finding that the member violated the SSC Code of Conduct.

#### Section VI - Transfer of Membership

Membership in the SSC is not transferable or assignable

#### Section VII- Resignation

Any member may resign by filing a written resignation with the Principal. The written resignation shall become a part of the SSC records in the event of a dispute.

#### Section VIII - Vacancy

Any vacancy on the council shall be filled for the remainder of the school year by joint appointment of the chairperson and the principal. Every attempt possible will be made to select a replacement based on the ranked election results from the previous SSC member election. Replacement alternates shall also be selected from this list. In the event this is impossible the chair and principal shall be provided a list of possible replacements that reflect the constituency of the departed member. If agreement on filling the vacancy is not reached, an election shall be held as soon as possible pursuant to the terms of this Article. If the unexpired term is for another school year thereafter, the term for that year shall be filled by the regular election process described in this Article.

### **ARTICLE IV**

to the meeting agenda and minutes and give them to the Principal for distribution, organization and storage.

### Section VII – Principal

The Principal is a voting member of the Council. He/she provides information and leadership to the council and administers the school level activities in the single plan for school improvement. The Principal works with the Council to assure the single plan for student achievement is legal, based on student achievement data and student needs and is monitored for implementation and effectiveness. The Principal shall consult with the SSC secretary in advance of the meeting to assure minutes are accurate and available and to assure that the SSC membership continues to be duly formed. The Principal shall oversee the public posting of the agenda. The Principal may independently add an item to an agenda if relevant to the duties of the SSC and may independently call a meeting of the SSC. The Principal assure all SSC documentation is available to the public upon request. The Principal shall assure that all SSC members are appropriately trained to fulfill their roles and responsibilities.

## **ARTICLE V** **Committees**

### Section I - Standing and Special Committees

The SSC may decide to establish standing or special committees as it may desire. No special or standing committee may exercise the authority of the SSC. The SSC may also delegate its responsibility to develop the site single plan for student achievement at a regular SSC meeting to a Leadership Team composed of teachers, other staff, parents, and students as appropriate. The Leadership Team shall report their plans, concerns and next steps for the draft of the Single Plan for Student Achievement at each SSC meeting.

### Section II - Membership

Unless otherwise specified by the SSC in its decision to establish committees, the chairperson and principal shall appoint the members of the various subcommittees from a list of volunteers.

### Section III - Term of Office

The SSC shall specify in the minutes the term of office for each committee appointment.

### Section IV - Rules

Each committee may adopt rules for its conduct consistent with these bylaws, state law, guidance or FUSD Board Policy regulating SSC. The SSC in its decision to establish such committees shall specify details of when and how the committee shall report to the SSC.

of the SSC shall be valid unless a quorum of the non-vacant duly elected SSC membership is present. Vacant positions should be filled pursuant to Article III above as soon as practicable notwithstanding these quorum requirements.

#### Section V- Decisions of SSC

The SSC members as elected representatives will use the following process in their decision making:

1. Determine in each fall whether they themselves will write the site plan or delegate it to a Leadership team composed of teacher, other staff, parent and student representatives.
2. Determine in the fall, how each representative group (parents, teachers, students, other staff) will assess the consensus of the people who elected them on matters of significant impact to the school community. The Principal shall assist representatives to develop and implement their plan to assess their constituency. The plan shall become part of the public record in the school minutes and other community groups will be notified.
3. No items may be voted on by the SSC in any meetings unless noticed in the written agenda 72 hours in advance of the meeting. In the event of an unavoidable emergency as defined by SB 355 the SSC may vote on an item that needs immediate attention.
4. The SSC members shall vote for the site plan in accordance with their constituency.
5. All decisions of the SSC shall be made only after an affirmative vote of a majority of its members in attendance, provided a there is a quorum is in attendance.
6. In the event of a split vote on the site plan, the SSC with the assistance of the Principal and district personnel, shall make every attempt to develop a community process to clarify , modify and unify the members of the SSC to recommend a site plan that the school community can live with.
7. If District administration has submitted a model plan to a SSC, including a single plan for student achievement or any other site-based plan, and if a School Site Council has not finally approved a site plan at or before the second to last Board meeting of each school year the SSC shall be deemed to have adopted and approved the plan submitted by District administration as its own.

#### Section VI - Meetings Open to the Public

All regular, special or work sessions of the SSC and its standing or special committees are open and accessible to the public. The SSC shall provide for a scheduled period on the agenda for public comments. The public shall submit their name, and concern to the SSC for the written record and abide by a 5 minute time limit per speaker within the allocated time frame for public. All members of the public will have equal opportunity to raise issues related to the development of the single plan for student achievement. Members of the public may also submit related concerns in writing to the SSC . The SSC may, without taking action, briefly respond to members of the public about other concerns. In the event of public disruption to the meeting, the SSC chair may request a privileged motion to clear the room for a break. Should the disruption continue, the chair

FRESNO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Staff/Student/Parent Compact  
**Slater Elementary**

**Staff Section:**

I understand the importance of the school experience to every student and my role as an educator. Therefore, I will voluntarily:

- ◆ Foster/encourage parent/teacher partnerships
- ◆ Receive training in strategies to effectively communicate with parents
- ◆ Teach California adopted grade level standards, skills, and concepts that provide high quality curriculum instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment
- ◆ Strive to address the individual needs of your child
- ◆ Communicate with you regarding your child's progress
- ◆ Provide a safe, positive and healthy learning environment for your child
- ◆ Communicate homework and classroom expectations
- ◆ Correct and return appropriate work in a timely manner
- ◆ Support your child's primary language and culture
- ◆ Show respect to self and others at all times
- ◆ Provide opportunities for parents to volunteer, participate and observe in child's classroom

**Student Section:**

I know that my education is important and that I am the one responsible for my own success. Therefore, I agree to carry out the following responsibilities to the best of my ability:

- Attend school every day on time and ready to learn
- Review my class work with my parent(s) weekly
- Return completed homework on time
- Follow school rules and be responsible for my own behavior at all times
- Ask for help when needed
- Show respect to self and others at all times

**Parent Section:**

I understand that my participation in my child's education will help his/her achievement and attitude. Therefore, I will voluntarily:

- ◆ Foster/encourage parent/teacher partnerships
- ◆ Attend Back to School event, Parent/Teacher conferences, Open House, and other events
- ◆ Encourage my child to engage in reading activities for at least 20 minutes every day
- ◆ Provide a quiet place/time for my child to complete his/her homework
- ◆ Make sure my child gets adequate sleep and has a healthy diet
- ◆ Adhere to the school's homework, discipline, dress code and attendance policies
- ◆ Participate in district opportunities for parenting training
- ◆ Support all elements of the Parent Involvement Policy adopted by the FUSD School Board.
- ◆ Show respect to self and others at all times